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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER KIRK'S VISIT TO MALAYSIA

1. NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER NORMAN KIRK ARRIVED KUALA LUMPUR 18 DECEMBER FOR THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT. KIRK WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY PRIME MINISTER RAZAK TOGETHER WITH CABINET MINISTERS, HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, AND SENIOR MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. IN FRONT PAGE COVERAGE OF INITIAL TALKS, RAZAK BROUGHT UP TOPIC OF PETROLEUM SHORTAGE AND MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE RETURN TO THE ARAB PEOPLE OF THEIR LAND, "ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED ) ISRAEL IS FUNDAMENTAL TO A RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM". RAZAK ALSO NOTED MALAYSIA'S CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN INDOCHINA REFERRING TO THE FATE OF GAMBODIA WHICH "HANGS PRECARIOUSLY IN TYK BALANCE" AND THE "DANGEROUS STANDSTILL" IN THE VIETNAM PEACE SETTLEMENT. HE ENDED HIS OPENING COMMENTARY BY UNDERSCORING MALAYSIA'S CLOSE RELATIONS  
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WITH NEW ZEALAND CITING THE LATTER AS A "TRUE AND TESTED FRIEND".

2. KIRK, REFERRING TO NEW ZEALAND'S "FRESH LOOK" AT THE ASIAN-PACIFIC REGION, NOTED THAT NEW ZEALAND WAS CONVINCED THAT SHE MUST PLAY A NEW, MORE FLEXIBLE AND HELPFUL ROLE IN THE REGION. IN REFERRING TO THE NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES STATIONED IN MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE UNDER THE FIVE-POWER DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT, KIRK SAID THE FORCES WILL NOW BE UNDER DIRECT NEW ZEALAND COMMAND RATHER THAN THE ANZUK JOINT COMMAND. HE ATTRIBUTED THIS CHANGE TO THE "NEW INDELRNDENCE OF OUR NATIONAL APPROACH".

3. OTHER TOPICS NOW BEING DISCUSSED INCLUDE JOINT VENTURES, BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND THE SECOND MALAYSIA PLAN. FURTHER REPORTING AND EMBASSY COMMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED UPON COMPLETION OF VISIT.

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